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January 29, 2007

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Department of Transportation, MS 82
Division of Transportation Programming
Office of Federal Transportation Management Program
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SUBJECT: SBCAG 2007 FTIP Amendment # 4

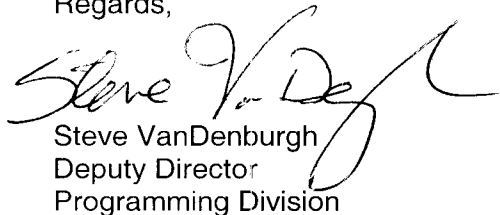
Dear Mr. Bagde:

This letter contains two staff reports, a signed resolution, and CTIPS printouts for SBCAG 2007 FTIP Amendment # 4. The first part of the amendment relating to programming CMAQ to Traffic Solutions was approved by the SBCAG board on October 19, 2007. We decided not to submit this as part of amendment #1 because of the urgency of getting amendment #1 approved by Caltrans and our federal partners. Amendment #4 is an uncomplicated, non-controversial amendment so we are submitting it as part of this package; we included reference to it in the resolution approved by the board for #4 in January. The second part of the amendment, which was approved by the SBCAG Board on January 18, 2007, deletes the Highway 101 Santa Maria River Bridge federal earmark from SBCAG's FTIP for programming into SLOCOG's FTIP.

The 2007 FTIP remains financially constrained per revised financial plan tables (enclosed).

Please feel free to contact me at (805) 961-8904 or by email at svandenburgh@sbacag.org if you have any questions. Thank you for your assistance.

Regards,



Steve VanDenburgh
Deputy Director
Programming Division

Enclosures

Cc: Nancy Wickersham – Caltrans, District 5 FTIP Coordinator
Darleen Panico – Caltrans, District 5 Local Assistance

A RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA BARBARA
COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

AMENDING THE 2007 FEDERAL)
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT)
PROGRAM TO DELETE THE SANTA)
MARIA RIVER BRIDGE PROJECT)
AMENDMENT NO. 4)

RESOLUTION NO. 07-01

WHEREAS, Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations, part 450, and Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, part 613, require the preparation and updating of a Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) by the Metropolitan Planning Organization; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) has been designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS, SBCAG, through the conduct of a continuing, comprehensive, and coordinated transportation planning process with applicable federal requirements, has prepared a 2007 FTIP; and

WHEREAS, the 2007 FTIP has been prepared in cooperation with state and local government agencies including Caltrans, local transit operators; and the Air Pollution Control District; and

WHEREAS, the 2007 FTIP must be consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan adopted pursuant to Government Code Section 6508; and

WHEREAS, the 2007 FTIP projects have been developed from the 2001 RTP, 2003 CMP and 2006 STIP; and

WHEREAS, all projects proposed for federal funding or approval under Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations and the Federal Transit Act must be included in a transportation improvement program; and

WHEREAS, because Santa Barbara County attained the federal eight-hour ozone standard, it is no longer required to follow air quality conformity measures nor the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) as required by the federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. Section 7401 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the 2007 FTIP was made available for public review and members of the public were given a reasonable opportunity to review the 2007 FTIP before it was adopted by the SBCAG Board on July 20, 2006; and

WHEREAS, revisions to the FTIP requested by Caltrans in order to incorporate the FTIP into the statewide FTIP by the end of the federal fiscal year were adopted by the SBCAG Board on September 30, 2006 after public review;

WHEREAS, the 2007 FTIP is financially constrained and funds needed to complete the 2007 FTIP are reasonably expected to be available.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the SBCAG Board of Directors amends the 2007 FTIP to include the changes identified in the Staff Report Item 11, October 19, 2006 and item 6C, January 18, 2007.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SBCAG Board of Directors finds that development of this amendment was made in accordance with public involvement procedures originally adopted by SBCAG on November 10, 1994 and updated on March 24, 2002; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SBCAG Board of Directors finds that the amended 2007 FTIP is consistent with the 2004 MTP.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2007 FTIP as amended is financially constrained and funds needed to complete the 2007 FTIP are reasonably expected to be available.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the inclusion of any federally-funded projects in the 2007 FTIP, including all amendments, constitutes the federal project selection procedures for Santa Barbara County, and any projects programmed in the FTIP may proceed to implementation without further project selection action by SBCAG.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of January 2007 by the following vote:

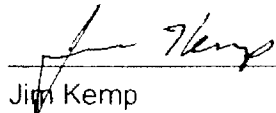
AYES: Supervisors Carbajal, Centeno, Firestone, Gray, Wolf; Mayors Alvarez Blum, DeWees, Lavagnino; Councilmembers Armendariz, Hicks, Richardsen, Wallis

NOES: None

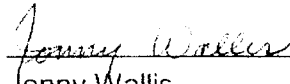
ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST:



Jim Kemp
Executive Director
Santa Barbara County
Association of Governments



Jonny Wallis
Chair
Santa Barbara County
Association of Governments

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Kevin E. Ready, Sr.
Deputy County Counsel

2007 FTIP Amendment # 4 - Attachment A

Changes in ~~strikethrough~~ and bold type

Santa Maria River Bridge Widening

1. MPO ID # CT13

Santa Maria River Bridge Widening in San Luis Obispo (PM 0.0 - 0.81) and Santa Barbara (PM 90.47-90.96) Counties, in and near Santa Maria, from north junction 135 to north junction 166 -- Add one northbound and one southbound lane

Agency	Project	Fund Source	Phase	Prior	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	Total Project Cost
Caltrans	Santa Maria River Bridge Widening	RIP - State Cash	PE	760,000					760,000
			RW						
			CON						
			Total	760,000					760,000
		IIP - State Cash	PE	1,400,000					1,400,000
			RW						
			CON						
			Total	1,400,000					
		Demo - High Priority Projects Program	PE		1,632,000				1,632,000
			RW						
			CON						
			Total		1,632,000				1,632,000
		Local Funds-Local Transportation Funds	PE		544,000				544,000
			RW						
			CON						
			Total		544,000				544,000
		Local Funds-Local Transportation Funds - Advance Construction	PE		2,176,000				2,176,000
			RW						
			CON						
			Total		2,176,000				2,176,000
		Demo - High Priority Projects Program - Advance Construction Conversion	PE			544,000	544,000		1,088,000
			RW						
			CON						
			Total			544,000	544,000		1,088,000

2007 FTIP Amendment # 4

Changes in ~~strike~~through and bold type

Traffic Solutions Program Maintenance

1. MPO ID # SBCAG2

Maintain the countywide operations and implementation of the Traffic Solutions program and the countywide rideshare and transportation demand program

AgencyProjectFund SourcePhase				Prior2006-072007-082008-092009-10					Total Project Cost	
SBCAG	Traffic Solutions	CMAQ	PE							
			RW							
			CON		1,270,000	635,000				1,905,000
			Total		1,270,000	635,000				1,905,000
Project Total			Total		1,270,000	635,000				1,905,000

Santa Barbara County Association of Governments - Federal Transportation Improvement Program
(Dollars in Whole)
State Highway System

DIST: 05	COUNTY: Santa Barbara County	TITLE (DESCRIPTION):	MPO Aprv: / /
ROUTE: 101	PM: 90.4 / 90.9	Santa Maria River Bridge Widening (part (In SLO (PM 0.0/0.81) and SB (PM 90.47/90.96) Counties, in and near Santa Maria, from north Junction 135 to north Junction 166 -- Add one northbound and one southbound lane.)	State Aprv: / /
PPNO: B4459	KP: 145.6 / 146.4		Federal Aprv: / /
EA: 445900	MPO ID: CT13		
CTIPS ID: 108-0000-0155			
IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Caltrans		PRJ MGR: Lisa Lowerison	EPA TABLE II or III EXEMPT CATEGORY:
		PHONE: (805) 542-2764	

PROJECT VERSION HISTORY (Printed Version is Shaded)					(Dollars in whole)							
Version	Status	Official Date	Updated By	Change Reason	Amend No.	Prog Con	Prog RW	PE				
4	Active	01/22/2007	BODERMAN	Amendment - Cost/Scope/Sch. Change	4			2,160,000				
3	Official	09/21/2006	SKACHET	Adoption - Carry Over				7,600,000				
2	Official	10/04/2004	JASUNCIO	Adoption - Carry Over				810,000				
1	Official	06/20/2002	JASUNCIO	Adoption - New Project				810,000				
• RIP - Regional Improvement Program				PRIOR	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	BEYOND	TOTAL
• Fund Source 1 of 2				PE	760,000							760,000
• Fund Type: State Cash				RW								
• Funding Agency: Santa Barbara County Assoc. of Governments				CON								
				TOTAL	760,000							760,000
• IIP - Interregional Improvement Program				PRIOR	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	BEYOND	TOTAL
• Fund Source 2 of 2				PE	1,400,000							1,400,000
• Fund Type: State Cash				RW								
• Funding Agency: Caltrans				CON								
				TOTAL	1,400,000							1,400,000
Project Total				PRIOR	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	BEYOND	TOTAL
				PE	2,160,000							2,160,000
				RW								
				CON								
				TOTAL	2,160,000							2,160,000

Comments:

1/18/07 Earmark funding deleted from SBCAG FTIP and transferred to SLOCOG FTIP

***** Version 4 - 01/22/2007 *****

8-23-06

SBCAG's FTIP includes 100% of RIP, IIP, and HPP funding; SLOCOG's FTIP entry is "information only." RIP funds are 50% from each RTPA.

7/31/06 2007 FTIP KH

6/29/06 -- 2007 FTIP; STIP consistency revisions per NWickersham & DPanico, CT Dist 5 Local Asstce. -- KLH

5/25/06 -- Draft 2007 FTIP -- KLH

***** Version 3 - 05/01/06 *****

Project data transferred from 2004 STIP.

***** Version 2 - 09/14/04 *****

Project data transferred from 2004 STIP.

***** Version 1 - 08/14/02 *****

Project data transferred from 2002 STIP 1.

DIST: 05	COUNTY: Santa Barbara County	TITLE (DESCRIPTION):	MPO Aprv: / /
ROUTE: PM		Traffic Solutions Program Maintenance (Maintain the countywide operations and implementation of the Traffic Solutions program, and the countywide Rideshare and Transportation Demand Management program)	State Aprv: / /
PPNO: KP			Federal Aprv: / /
EA:	MPO ID: SBCAG2		
CTIPS ID: 208-0000-0267			
IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Santa Barbara County Assoc. of Governments		PRJ MGR: KENT EPPERSON	EPA TABLE II or III EXEMPT CATEGORY:
		PHONE: 961-8917	

(Dollars in whole)

Version	Status	Official Date	Updated By	Change Reason	Amend No.	Prog Con	Prog RW	PE				
1	Active	01/22/2007	BODERMAN	Amendment - New Project	4			1,905,000				
				<u>PRIOR</u>	<u>06/07</u>	<u>07/08</u>	<u>08/09</u>	<u>09/10</u>	<u>10/11</u>	<u>11/12</u>	<u>BEYOND</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
			• Fund Source 1 of 1	PE		1,270,000	635,000					1,905,000
			• Fund Type: Congestion Mitigation	RW								
			• Funding Agency: Santa Barbara County Assoc. of Governments	CON								
				TOTAL		1,270,000	635,000					1,905,000

***** Version 1 - 01/09/2007 *****

Financial Plan Tables

2007 FTIP

SBCAG

Revenue: Amend. #4	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	TOTAL
State Highway Account Funds (State & State FHWA Funds)				
SHOPP				
SHOPP (AC)	\$25,996	\$19,380	\$34,458	\$79,834
STIP	\$7,800	\$96,034	\$16,469	\$18,273
STIP (AC)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
STIP Prior	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Assistance				
Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality	\$1,270	\$635	\$0	\$1,905
Regional Surface Transportation Program	\$0	\$0	\$2,950	\$2,950
Highway Bridge Program	\$4,427	\$0	\$593	\$5,020
Highway Safety Improvement Program	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Safe Routes to School Program	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Railway - Highway Crossings	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Federal Highway Programs				
Federal Lands Highway Program ¹	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
High Priority Projects Program	\$5,275	\$1,280	\$1,200	\$7,755
Coordinated Border Infrastructure Program	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Recreational Trails Program	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
National Corridor Infrastructure Improvement Program	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ferry Boat Discretionary	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
National Scenic Byways Program	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Projects of National and Regional Significance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Emergency Relief Program	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$750
Other (Transp. & Sys. & Comm. Preserv.)	\$237	\$0	\$0	\$237
Federal Transit Administration Funds				
5303 - Metropolitan Planning Program	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5307 - Urbanized Area Formula Program	\$6,595	\$7,620	\$7,527	\$21,742
5308 - Clean Fuel Formula Program	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5309 - Bus and Bus Facility Grants	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5309 - Capital Investment Grants "New Starts"	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5310 - Formula Program for Elderly & Persons with Disabilities	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5311 - Other Than Urbanized Area Formula Program	\$156	\$169	\$178	\$503
5311 © - Public Transportation on Indian Reservations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5316 - Job Access and Reverse Commute Program	\$289	\$301	\$312	\$902
5317 - New Freedom Program	\$175	\$182	\$189	\$546
5320 - Transit in the Parks	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Non-Title 23/Federal Transit Funds (Describe)				
Other State Funds				
Traffic Congestion Relief Program	\$0	\$950	\$0	\$950
Other (Environmental Justice)	\$17	\$50	\$0	\$67
Local Funds	\$22,317	\$24,504	\$11,593	\$58,324
Total Revenue	\$74,804	\$151,355	\$75,629	\$301,788

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The amendment affects revenues or programmed amounts in shaded rows

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SBCAG

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Safe Routes to School Program		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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National Corridor Infrastructure Improvement Program		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ferry Boat Discretionary		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
National Scenic Byways Program		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Projects of National and Regional Significance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Emergency Relief Program		\$250	\$250	\$250	\$750
Other (Transp. & Comm. & Sys. Preserv.)		\$237	\$0	\$0	\$237
Federal Transit Administration Funds					
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5316 - Job Access and Reverse Commute Program		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5317 - New Freedom Program		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5320 - Transit in the Parks		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Non-Title 23/Federal Transit Funds (Describe)					
Other State Funds					
Traffic Congestion Relief Program		\$0	\$950	\$0	\$950
Other (Describe)		\$17	\$50	\$0	\$67
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Total programmed		\$74,340	\$119,612	\$75,128	\$269,080

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The amendment affects revenues or programmed amounts in shaded rows

Revenue versus Programmed: Amend. #4	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	TOTAL
State Highway Account Funds (State & State FHWA Funds)				
SHOPP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SHOPP (AC)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
STIP	\$0	\$31,260	\$0	\$31,260
STIP (AC)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
STIP Prior	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Assistance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Regional Surface Transportation Program	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highway Bridge Program	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highway Safety Improvement Program	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Safe Routes to School Program	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Railway - Highway Crossings	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Federal Highway Programs				
Federal Lands Highway Program ¹	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
High Priority Projects Program	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Coordinated Border Infrastructure Program	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Recreational Trails Program	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
National Corridor Infrastructure Improvement Program	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ferry Boat Discretionary	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
National Scenic Byways Program	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Projects of National and Regional Significance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Emergency Relief Program	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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5307 - Urbanized Area Formula Program	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Other (Describe)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Traffic Solutions FY05-06 Annual Report

MEETING DATE: October 19, 2006

AGENDA ITEM: 11

STAFF CONTACT: Kent Epperson and Steve VanDenburgh

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Receive a status report on the activities and performance of the Traffic Solutions program during FY 2005-06.
- B. Adopt a resolution amending the 2007 FTIP to program \$1.9 million in CMAQ phase-out funding to the Traffic Solutions Program to provide operational funding from FY 2006/2007 through FY 2009/10.

SUMMARY:

SBCAG's Traffic Solutions division operates programs and provides services to reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality by reducing reliance on single occupant vehicle use. A Traffic Solutions annual report has been prepared to provide information on the scope of services, revenues and expenditures and program performance measures. The attached report reviews the Traffic Solutions program's accomplishments for FY05-06 and highlights the major goals for FY06-07. The detailed annual report is included as Attachment 1.

Traffic Solutions has historically relied on CMAQ funds for its ongoing traffic congestion relief and demand reduction programs. Current CMAQ allocations for Traffic Solutions will fund the program through the end of FY06-07. CMAQ phase-out apportionments are available to SBCAG for fiscal years 06/07 and 07/08. SBCAG's estimated share of phase-out funding is \$1.270 million in 06/07 and \$635,000 in 07/08. The funding must be obligated in the fiscal year that it is apportioned to SBCAG or the funding will be lost to the region. SBCAG staff's intent in pursuing state legislation creating a CMAQ phase-out program was to provide a secure source of transitional funding for the Traffic Solutions program for fiscal years 2007/08 through 2009/10, when Measure D renewal funding would become available. At its July meeting, TTAC supported programming all \$1.9 million in CMAQ phase out funding to Traffic Solutions. TTAC recognized that the funds could be promptly obligated by Traffic Solutions assuring they will not be lost to the region. And by funding the program with CMAQ, Traffic Solutions would not compete for valuable RSTP funds in an upcoming (November) programming recommendation that will be brought to the Board. RSTP funds have lately been reserved for local agency projects, and primarily local street repair projects.

DISCUSSION:

Fiscal Year 2005-06 was a busy year for the Traffic Solutions program. In addition to maintaining the vanpool program, carpool program, and bicycle program, Traffic Solutions entered into its fifth year of management of the Clean Air Express, including contract administration, route and schedule development, marketing, fare collection and customer service for the commuter bus program. In FY 2005-06, Traffic Solutions added one new route to the Clean Air Express system and added a new route to the VISTA Coastal Express with direct commuter service from Ventura to Goleta. Traffic Solutions also concluded the two year FlexWork Santa Barbara Phase I Program and published a set of telecommuting and flexible work schedule case studies to make the case to businesses in Santa Barbara County that FlexWork can be good for business. Traffic Solutions also offered carpool matching services, vanpool start-up assistance and engaged in individualized marketing with thousands of commuters by phone and in person. These programs together accounted for:

- * A diversion of 486,000 trips to alternative modes or carpools that would otherwise have been made by automobile
- * 16.4 million fewer vehicle miles traveled
- * \$6.3 million saved by motorists (primarily commuters)
- * 650,000 gallons of gasoline saved
- * Eliminated over 13.2 million pounds of air pollutants

The Traffic Solutions FY05-06 Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Eliminated estimate is 37% higher and the Trips Eliminated estimated is 112% higher than the previous year. The improvements in these performance measures are a result of an increase in ridership for the Clean Air Express and Coastal Express, an increase in participation in the Team Bike Challenge and the Phase I FlexWork program.

In FY05-06, the Traffic Solutions and Clean Air Express websites alone generated over 162,000 hits, averaging over 440 hits per day. Over 60,000 maps, bus schedules and program brochures were distributed at events and by mail.

These results were accomplished by Traffic Solutions' staff of four which is funded out of the division's \$1.7 million budget. Most of the budget is devoted to purchasing fuel and leasing buses to operate the Clean Air Express and Vista Coastal Express. Staff salaries and benefits account for 20% percent of the budget. Three of the four staffers spend at least part of their time working on other SBCAG functions.

The major goals and challenges that Traffic Solutions faces in FY 06/07 are:

- Clean Air Express Funding: Finding funding to operate the Clean Air Express when the current CMAQ subsidy expires at the end of FY 06/07. CMAQ funds may be used one time, for three years, to operate a "pilot" transit service, so CMAQ is no longer an option to fund the service. The North County Transit Plan recommends that operation of the service be transferred to the cities of Lompoc and Santa Maria; but it is assumed by SBCAG staff that an operational subsidy will be needed, at a minimum, during a transitional period.
- Transfer of Clean Air Express: Initiating the actual transfer of service to other operators before FY 06/07 ends, assuming that the North County Transit Plan is adopted by the SBCAG Board.
- North County TDM Programs: Expanding the presence of Traffic Solutions in the North County. Traffic Solutions has begun staffing the SBCAG North County office on a regular basis and holding meetings with and conducting outreach to

businesses such as Marian Medical Center and Kirby-Morgan in Santa Maria. Three new commuter programs will be offered to commuters traveling to the North County communities, including a reverse commute vanpool program, SLO to Santa Maria/Lompoc rideshare promotion and management of the County bicycle lockers in Santa Maria.

- South 101 Trip Reduction: Implementing a South Coast Highway 101 trip reduction program, working with South Coast businesses, in anticipation of the start of construction on the Highway 101 Milpas to Hot Springs Operational Improvement Project.
- New Web-based Rideshare Service: Implementing a web-based rideshare software to increase the efficiency of carpool and vanpool matching and provide employers with more commuter services.
- A Commuter Profile Survey for the Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo County regions, to improve the efficiency of marketing Traffic Solutions services and provide policy makers with information about who, how and where commutes are occurring in the tri-county area so that funding can be most effectively targeted to address current and future congestion during peak commute periods.
- Traffic Solutions Funding: Identifying a funding source for the continued operation of Traffic Solutions after FY 06/07. SBCAG staff and TTAC recommend that CMAQ phase out funds be programmed to Traffic Solutions, which would provide continued CMAQ funding for the program until FY 09/10, when Measure D renewal funds could theoretically become available to operate the program. **The recommendation to fund Traffic Solutions with CMAQ is described below.**

The information in this staff report represents a summary of the information in the full annual report, which is attached. SBCAG staff will present more highlights from the annual report via a presentation at the October 19 board meeting.

CMAQ Phase-Out Funding

During July and August, SBCAG staff and TTAC discussed the best and most expeditious use of the CMAQ phase-out funds that SBCAG would receive now that the legislation that SBCAG helped draft, SB 1587, was signed into law by Governor Schwarzenegger on September 29, 2006.

SBCAG will receive \$1.270 million in CMAQ funding in FY06/07, which must be obligated between January 1, 2007 and June 30, 2007, and \$635,000 in 07/08, which must be obligated between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2008. Failure to obligate the funds in these windows will result in a complete loss of the CMAQ phase-out funds to the region.

At TTAC's urging, staff asked local agencies to submit CMAQ project proposals to gauge interest in the funds available. Staff distributed a memo to TTAC requesting eligible project proposals/ideas. Staff received project proposals from five agencies and presented summaries of each proposal to TTAC. Although there was some interest in the CMAQ funds, there were also concerns about meeting the obligation deadlines and the ability of proposed projects to compete in the areas of reducing trips and vehicle miles traveled (the primary scoring criteria for selecting CMAQ projects). The projects that were submitted for consideration by TTAC were:

- Traffic Solutions Travel Demand Management Program. Traffic Solutions requested \$1.9 million to operate programs and provide countywide services to reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality by reducing reliance on single occupant vehicle use. The funds

will also be used to provide support, information and promotional materials regarding alternatives to driving alone.

- The Riverbend Park Bikeway in Lompoc. The City requested \$100,000 to construct 2 miles of Class I bike path that would connect Highway 246 with Riverbend Park. The path would also provide connections to various existing facilities for bicycles and pedestrians.
- Automated Vehicle Locator System submitted by the Metropolitan Transit District. MTD requested \$2.2 million to equip each vehicle in its fleet with GPS and communications equipment that would determine the exact location of the vehicle and transmit information to a specified location. The information will be used in conjunction with regional maps to indicate the current location of each bus and the Estimated Time of Arrival (ETA) for specified bus stops. MTD would also deploy signs at certain bus stops that broadcast the ETA of the next bus. In addition, software could be created that would allow people to access ETA information with Wireless Application Protocol (WAP) compatible devices such as, Cell Phones and Personnel Digital Assistants (PDA's).
- The Eighth Street Pedestrian Arch Bridge in Carpinteria. The City requested \$250,000 to replace a pedestrian arch bridge crossing Carpinteria Creek. The existing bridge provides access between the Concha Loma residential area to the east of Carpinteria Creek, and to residences, schools and the downtown shopping areas to the west of the creek crossing. The Project includes removal of the existing bridge and seven column supports located in the stream bed, and replacing it with a 175' free span arch bridge.
- Various County projects including: hybrid vehicle purchases for the County fleet; Obern Trail bike path reconstruction, in concert with bike/pedestrian bridge rehabilitation along the trail; and solar lighting installation along the Maria Ygnacio bike path. The County requested a total of approximately \$700,000 to fund these four projects.

TTAC expressed their support of Traffic Solutions and providing continued funds to effective projects and programs. Traditionally, Traffic Solutions has fared well given FTA eligibility requirements and scoring criteria. It was also clear that Traffic Solutions could obligate the CMAQ phase-out funding within the limited timeframe, ensuring that the funds would not be lost from the region.

COMMITTEE REVIEW: At the August 3rd TTAC meeting the committee voted unanimously to program the \$1.9 million of CMAQ phase-out funding to Traffic Solutions.

RECOMMENDATION:

SBCAG staff recommends that the \$1.9 million in CMAQ phase-out funding be programmed to Traffic Solutions through an amendment to the 2007 FTIP. This funding, which would be apportioned to SBCAG over FYs 06/07 and 07/08 would be obligated in those respective years, but could be expended for up to three years after. This funding would be all that is needed for Traffic Solutions to meet its non-transit, demand management (carpool, vanpool, FlexWork, bike programs) operating budgets for fiscal years 07/08 – 09/10. Traffic Solutions would not compete for RSTP funds available for programming this year. The funds could serve as bridge funding until a Measure D renewal is passed that contained funding for alternative modes and demand management.

ATTACHMENTS: Attachment 1 –Traffic Solutions FY05-06 Annual Report

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #4

MEETING DATE: January 18, 2007

AGENDA ITEM: 6C

STAFF CONTACT: Steve VanDenburgh

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve amendment #4 to delete the Santa Maria River Bridge \$2.7 million federal earmark for design from the 2007 FTIP for programming into the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments' 2007 FTIP (the bridge is located in San Luis Obispo County).

DISCUSSION:

As the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for Santa Barbara County, SBCAG is responsible for preparing and adopting the Federal Transportation Improvement Program. The FTIP identifies all federally funded highway, transit and other surface transportation projects in the county, along with their federal funding sources, that are scheduled for implementation in the next six years. The FTIP serves as the sole reference document that the federal government, Caltrans and the public can review to understand where, when and how federal transportation funds are being spent in Santa Barbara County, including those that SBCAG does and does not have programming discretion over. The FTIP requires periodic amending following its biennial adoption to reflect program changes such as project additions, deletions, scope revisions and securing of additional federal funds by SBCAG and other agencies. The federal government requires that significant changes to the cost, scope or schedule of a project be approved through a formal amendment to the FTIP voted on by the SBCAG Board.

Santa Maria River Bridge Widening

When the widening of Highway 101 to six lanes in Santa Maria from Santa Maria Way to the Santa Maria River Bridge is completed, the four lane bridge over the Santa Maria River linking Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties will become bottleneck. In anticipation of this, SBCAG and SLOCOG requested an earmark from Congresswoman Capps to design a widening of the bridge to six lanes, and a \$2.7 million earmark was received. Caltrans wants to begin utilizing the funds to do survey work in support of project design in case the Prop 1B Corridor Mobility funding application for construction is successful.

When an agency requests authorization to use federal funds, the federal government checks the FTIP of the county where the project is located to confirm that the project is included and the funding amount and sources clearly identified. Caltrans has learned

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that the project should be reflected in the FTIP for San Luis Obispo County because the project sponsor listed in the SAFETEA-LU legislation is SLOCOG and the bridge is located in San Luis Obispo County. However, the earmark funding is currently listed in SBCAG's FTIP. In order for the Federal Highway Administration to authorize use of the funds, SBCAG must delete the project from its FTIP so that SLOCOG may add it to its FTIP. This will allow the funds to be authorized and design work to proceed.

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